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EIT Urban Mobility Hub Portugal invites Portuguese startups to present urban mobility solutions to the challenges that the Portuguese Municipalities will reward

 Open Innovation Program in close articulation with Vodafone Power Lab, AIP, and AEP, with a limit for the submission of proposals until 29 November at BGI.PT

• 1,800 euros for each of the 5 winning solutions to be distinguished on December 15th

The **EIT Urban Mobility Open Innovation Program**, developed by the EIT Urban Mobility Hub Portugal and EIT Urban Mobility, promotes the sharing of **knowledge and solutions that respond to real challenges faced by Portuguese municipalities**. Five municipalities present their challenges related to urban mobility in the region to a group of startups, scaleups, and researchers. Subsequently, in the online event that will take place on **December 9th and 10th**, innovators will have the opportunity to present their solutions to these municipalities. The event will be virtual and the innovators will have access to an overview of the challenges of each company before the event, being able to submit their solution online until **November 29th**.

After presenting the solutions to the challenges, 5 winning solutions will be chosen to receive a monetary prize of € 1,800 and the possibility of maintaining contact with the municipalities. This prize-giving event will take place on the 15th of November.

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EIT Urban Mobility, an entity of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, arrives in Portugal to increase knowledge about urban mobility issues in cities and encourage innovative ideas and solutions to improve the traffic situation, as well as solve other urban mobility problems in the country. EIT Urban Mobility Hub Portugal made up of BGI - Building Global Innovators, IASA, and Thales Portugal welcomed this new program, which will use Portuguese cities as laboratories, to prove that technological innovation, combined with entrepreneurial spirit and talent, can transform mobility in a smarter process. As coordinators of the Hub in Portugal, BGI will organize an **Open Innovation program** with several municipalities in Portugal.

According to Gonçalo Amorim, "there are several **benefits** offered to those who wish to present their solutions. Not only will they have an excellent opportunity to develop, in multidisciplinary groups, solutions to these challenges and to present them to the municipalities - with the possibility of creating pilots and partnerships -, they will also have access to business development and pitch workshops, as well as the opportunity to belong to the largest mobility network in Europe." says the CEO of the accelerator.

Startups, scaleups, and interested researchers can apply by filling out a form on the <u>BGI website</u>. The online event will take place on December 9th and 10th.

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